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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 5, 2005

1. Call to order.

The 306th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:37 p.m. on December 5, 2005 at Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

2. Administration of Oath of Office to Board Member Jim Berkus.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Jim Berkus, public member, appointed by the Governor.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Bryan Cash, Linda Parks, Jim Berkus, Woody Smeck, Ron Schafer, Jerome C. Daniels, Steve Horn, Jody Noiron, and Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following member was absent: David Allgood. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Jonathan Zasloff, Vice Chairperson.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Caroline Brown, Richard Gould, Marc Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Roseanne Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Dennis Seider, Lorraine Slattery, Nancy Stephens, Rich Toyon, Timothy Wendler, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Ed Corridori, Barry Groveman, Michael Hurley, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, Liane Weintraub, Garen Yegparian, and Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Michael Cacciotti, and Marc Stirdivant.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; and David Wolfberg, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participant was present: Laura Plotkin.

Following Roll Call, Conservancy Board and Advisory Committee Members introduced themselves and indicated their appointing bodies.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of October 24, 2005 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 24, 2005 were approved as submitted.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received a verbal report from Jody Noiron of the Angeles National Forest, the Executive Director, and George Lange, Vice Chairperson of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Messrs. Daniel and Wendler.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

9. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Sister Mayra McParland, representing Louisville High School , on item 13.
Jim Hughes, representing Louisville High School, on item 13.
David Brilliant, President of Save Oaks Savannah, on item 13.
Jim Thorson, Assistant City Manager, Agoura Hills, on item 11.
Orrin Feldman, Vice President of the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council,
on item 12.
John Pogue, member of the public, on item 12.
Joan Luchs, representing the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Association, on
item 10(g).

10. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of a resolution augmenting the budget for Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant No. SMM-0485.**
- (b) Consideration of a resolution augmenting the budget for Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant No. SMM-0466.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Oak Tree Permit - Project No. 04-059, Poema Place, unincorporated Chatsworth area.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for the Casad Project (Tentative Tract No. 52905), Pico Canyon, unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Consultation for Project No. R2004-00659, Stokes Canyon, unincorporated Calabasas area.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Soledad Village (Tract Map No. 62322) between Soledad Canyon Road and the Santa Clara River.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on draft Protected Tree Ordinance.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 05-084, 05-085, 05-086, 05-087, 05-088, 05-089, and 05-090.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-084, 05-085, 05-086, 05-087, 05-088, 05-089, and 05-090 were unanimously adopted.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the City of Agoura Hills for acquisition of 18.2 acres of Lindero Creek open space and initial site improvements, portion of APN 2056-001-900, Agoura Hills.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown, Ms. Plotkin, Mr. Smeck, and the Conservancy Chairperson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-091.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-091 was unanimously adopted.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Bulwer Drive road expansion and related private hillside development projects, Laurel Canyon.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Kishbaugh.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Mr. Begley, the Conservancy Chairperson, and Mr. Daniel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-092

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-092 was unanimously adopted.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Notice of Preparation for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61553 adjacent to the Girard Reservoir, Woodland Hills.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Slattery, and Mr. Kishbaugh.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smeck.

Comments were made by David Brilliant, President of Save Oaks Savannah.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-093.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff , duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-093 was unanimously adopted.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Revised Project Design Summary for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 52419 (Triangle Ranch Project), unincorporated Agoura Hills area.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

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Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos, and Mr. Brown, and the Conservancy Chairperson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-094.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-094 was unanimously adopted.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Pasadena on Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Annandale Canyon Estates Planned Development.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Wendler recommending revisions to the comment letter.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-095.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-095 was unanimously adopted.

16. Consideration of a resolution adopting a comment letter on proposed changes to management policies of the National Park Service.

This item was postponed to another date.

17. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion

and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al. and Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.

No closed session was held.

18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on January 23, 2005. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson